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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of US Telecom Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §160(c) to
Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next Generation Networks,
WC Docket No. 18-141 – Potential Sherman Act, Sec. 2 Violation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

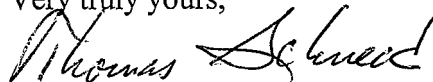
This letter is to oppose the Petition of the US Telecom in Docket 18-141 that would increase costs to our business by impacting our ISP, Sonic, Santa Rosa, California. Our firm is a legal services provider, primarily in intellectual property, located in Silicon Valley. We are a customer of Sonic, our internet and telephone service provider using DSL service. The DSL service comes to our location via several pairs of copper wire lines leased by Sonic from AT&T. We urge you not to grant U.S. Telecom's petition that would diminish or eliminate Sonic's access to wire lines from AT&T in our situation.

We are a Sonic customer because Sonic is a low cost provider to small businesses, offers great customer service, has very high reliability, and itself is a small business. The owner of Sonic, Dane Jasper, takes a personal interest in his customers as well as his employees.

The Petition of US Telecom seems to be a violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act by allowing exercise of monopoly power over wire lines. Existing law restricts exercise of monopoly power and should be preserved. The Petition is a very dangerous attempt to bypass anti-monopoly protections of existing law. A plethora of antitrust litigation is foreseeable if the Petition is approved.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Sonic to offer a competitive alternative to the larger providers of wire lines.

Very truly yours,



Thomas Schneck

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